



## The Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration

*Milwaukie Partnership Program 2015-2017*

Summer 2014

Over the course of two decades more than 58,000 Americans made the ultimate sacrifice in response to our nation's call to service in Vietnam, over 700 were from Oregon and 14 were from Milwaukie. These numbers, while grave and already too great by any measure, fail to include the millions of families, communities and nations impacted by the Vietnam War.

Five decades later a grateful nation reflects upon the service, valor, and sacrifice made by many. In 2008, Congress passed the National Defense Authorization Act, directing the Department of Defense (DOD) to coordinate commemoration activities. In 2012, President Obama proclaimed the years 2012 to 2025 in honor of the "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War" and in 2013, by Council Proclamation Milwaukie joined with American Legion Post 180 as Commemorative Partners. Together, the City and Legion will pay tribute to the men and women who served in Southeast Asia and to those who sacrificed and contributed on the home front.



As Commemorative Partners, the City and Legion have committed to sponsoring and coordinating at least two events in 2015, 2016, and 2017. Details on these events will be promoted through the official City newsletter and website as well as through the American Legion, local businesses and civic groups. The partnership committee is working to bring a travelling Vietnam Memorial Wall to Milwaukie High School the weekend of July 24-26, 2015, with the goal that the wall will be available for viewing the same week as the celebration of the revitalized Riverfront Park.

We respectfully request your support in any way you can contribute – either by supplying volunteer hours, logistical skill, or financial assistance. To donate or provide assistance for the Memorial Wall event or to support the Commemorative Partnership Program, please complete the attached Community Response Form and return it to City Hall.

A half-century may have passed, but the respect and honor due to the men and women who served at home and abroad remains and it is this goal that drives our partnership. We hope you will join us in response to this national call to remember the Vietnam War.

*The Milwaukie Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Partnership Committee*  
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**COMMUNITY RESPONSE FORM**

**Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

☐ **We've Got Skills!**

**Please Describe:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **We're Here to Help Carry the Load!**

**How Many Volunteers Do You Have?** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **We'd Like to Contribute Financially!**

**Donation Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make checks payable to the "American Legion" and designated for the "Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration/Post 180". All gifts to the American Legion are tax deductible.*

**Mail checks to:** TOALF  
American Legion  
Department of Oregon  
PO Box 1730  
Wilsonville, OR 97070

**or** American Legion Post 180  
2146 SE Monroe Street  
Milwaukie, OR 97222

☐ **We've Got Other Ideas...**

**Please Describe:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return completed forms to the the addresses below or to [vietnam50@milwaukieoregon.gov](mailto:vietnam50@milwaukieoregon.gov)**

***Thank You for Your Support!***

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